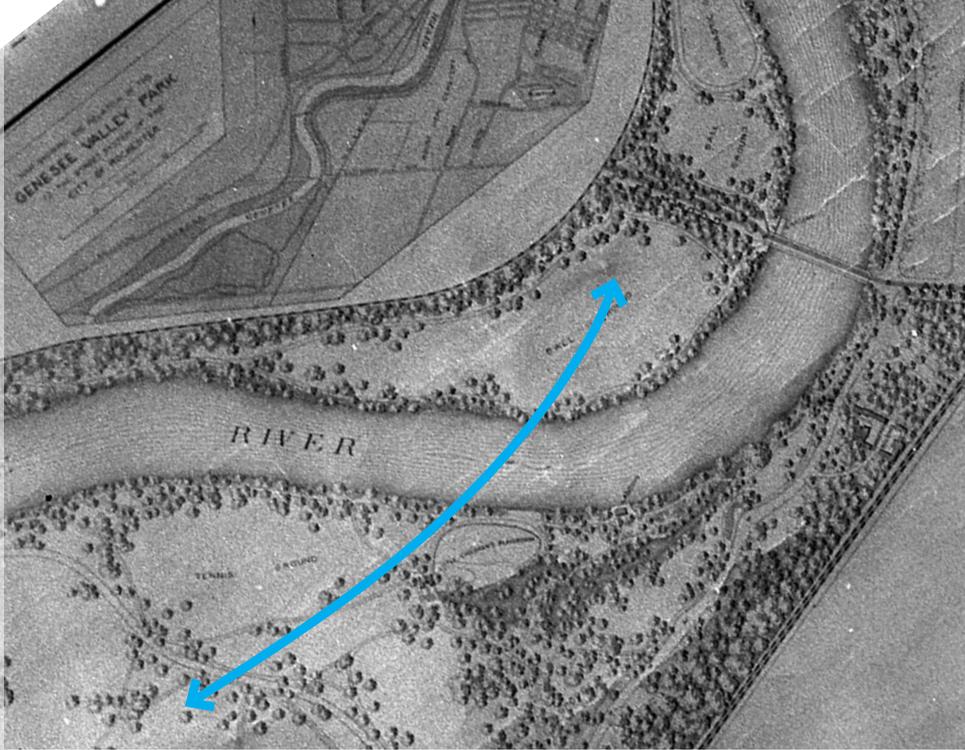


Olmsted's River Plain

Olmsted's original decision to select this land for what was to become the whole of Genesee Valley park, was to preserve unspoiled views of the river and river edge for the enjoyment of park users. Olmsted repeatedly advised that buildings should be moved north of Elmwood Avenue.

However, pressure from private groups wanting their buildings to be set within Olmsted's river plain - and thereby to experience this park's views - ultimately prevailed. This set a precedent of constructing highly visible infrastructure along the western river bank that continues to this day.

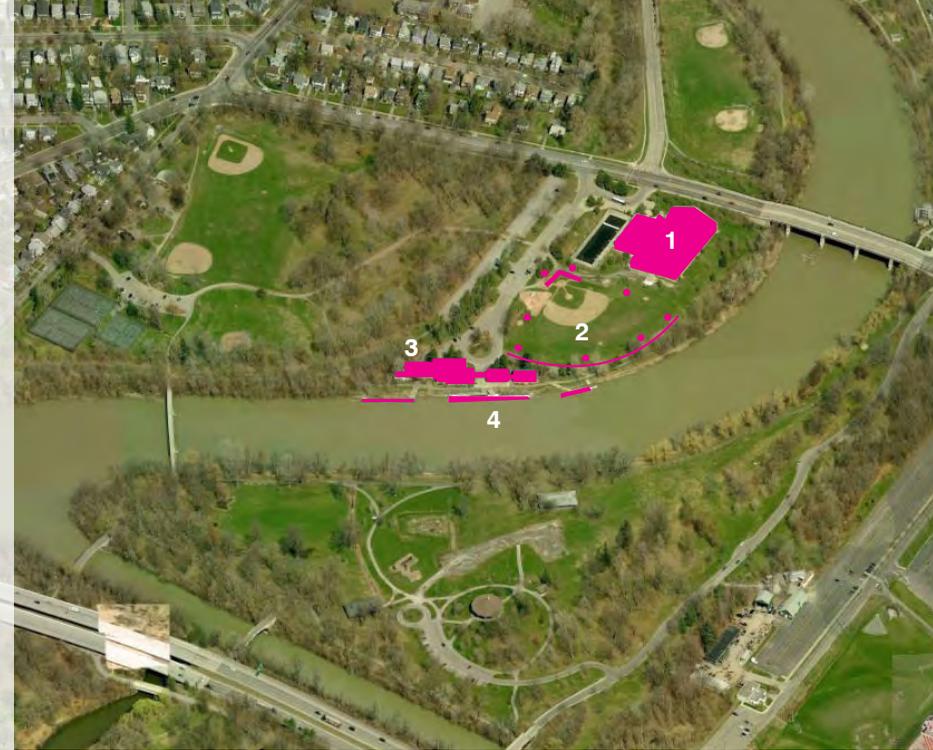
Beyond recreational structures fronting the west bank of the river, subsequent Olmsted plans struggled to visually and experientially tie the park back together after canal construction severed the park. Much later, Interstate 390 did the same thing.



Visual Disruptions Along the River

Current visual disruptions that can be seen along the river from the eastern side of the park include:

1. Ice Rink / Sports Complex
2. Ball Field #4 (fencing, lights, backstop)
3. Genesee Waterways Center
4. Docking Infrastructure



Preliminary Park Treatments

- A** More natural buffer from training facility, realign trail to be closer to river.
- B** To remain wooded, minor trail realignments, open up views to river.
- C** Chili parcels added to park. Protect from future industrial use. New recreation infrastructure accessible from Scottsville Road.
- D** Landscape treatment and/or activity area if additional park land access from adjacent parcels.
- E** Restore pedestrian bridge(s). Clear vegetation and open up bridge approaches, especially south bank.
- F** Dredging equipment moved to alternate canal site.
- G** Sports, Recreation & Wellness Center integrated into neighborhood fabric and street grid, park anchor and "ownership" to Southwest Quadrant.
- H** Preserve significant trees.
- I** Restore or rehabilitate viewshed across river plain.
- J** Recreate entry / safety / traffic / visual.
- K** Brooks Landing phase II & allow for riverfront access / selective removal of vegetation.
- L** Screen Brooks landing / hotel from park.

Concept Constraints

- A.** Preserve significant trees, predominantly on Frost Parcel.
- B.** Genesee Street as residential and one-way.
- C.** Existing pool and rink facility not compatible with entry realignment with Brooks II scheme.
- D.** Brooks Landing Phase II nearing construction phase.
- E.** 100-year flood plain north of Elmwood Avenue
- F.** Sanitary Force-Main Utilities in former RR ROW

